

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James. W. Bolesak on July 30, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 6, page 2, line 9, delete [or CH] after "M is N".

In claim 6, page 4, line 20, add --, wherein the pain is an acute pain selected from a group consisting of a pain following injury, a post operative pain, a pain associated with an acute attack of gout, and an acute pain following jaw-bone surgical intervention-- after "--(C₁-C₄)-alkoxycarbonyl".

In claim 7, page 4, line 4, delete [or CH] after "M is N".

Claim 14 is cancelled.

Conclusion

2. Claims 6-7 and 11 are allowed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Kwon whose telephone number is (571) 272-0581. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel, can be reached on (571) 272-0718. The fax number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

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